

(Washington, D.C.) - This week, Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23) will be traveling across South Texas on a U.S. House of Representatives Congressional Delegation visit (CODEL) to assess border security infrastructure and needs. The CODEL is led by Congressman David Price (NC-4), the Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security.

"It is essential that decision-makers in Washington take the time to see first-hand our border infrastructure and security needs," said Congressman Rodriguez. "As the only member on the Texas border currently on Appropriations, I have worked very closely with Chairman Price to bring the U.S.-Mexico border perspective to the Homeland Security Subcommittee, and I appreciate him taking the concerns of our border communities seriously. I thought it very important for the Members of the Committee to visit both Del Rio and Eagle Pass. Because of their proximity to the border, these cities offer a unique perspective that should inform the work of the Committee and Congress as a whole."

"Congressman Rodriguez's perspective has been invaluable for the Homeland Security Subcommittee," said Chairman Price. "We are look forward to seeing these border communities first hand, and to productive meetings with South Texas border communities and officials."

From Thursday, July 5th through Saturday, July 7th, 2007, the delegation will be visiting sites along the border and meeting with officials throughout South Texas, including Austin, San Antonio, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, and Brownsville. The CODEL will meet with officials from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the Secure Border Initiative, local elected officials, local law enforcement, and community members.

***** Media Availability*****

There are select opportunities during the visit for in person media availability with Congressman Rodriguez following key visits to Del Rio and Eagle Pass. To schedule an interview in person or by phone, please contact the Angela Barranco, Press Secretary, at la.barranco@mail.house.gov or (202) 344-5904.

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